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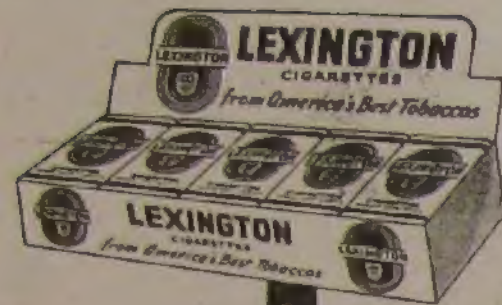
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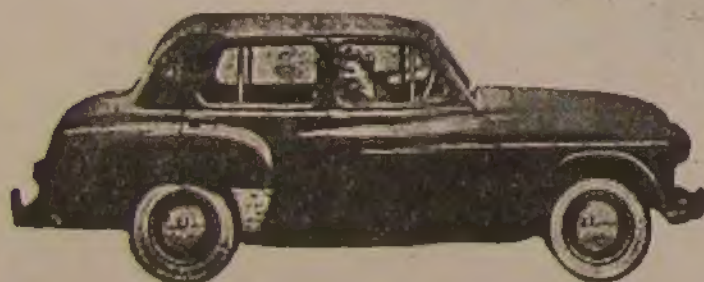
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## Monday, A Debacle—Tuesday, A Triumph

Soccer has won more headlines in the Melbourne newspapers this week than for a long time, but unfortunately, few of them were flattering.

Criticism of the organisation of the Austria-South China game, on the part of the Australian officials, has been biting and bitter.

On Monday, after it had been announced freely through the newspapers that the game was to be played, in spite of the weather, it was called off at the last minute, and hundreds, maybe thousands, of people were left at the gates of the Showgrounds in the rain.

Fortunately, both teams agreed to play on Tuesday, but after a debacle of the magnitude of Monday night's, Tuesday's mild weather and big crowd was more than the Australian officials deserved.

The fact that such a large crowd attended was a great tribute to the two teams on the field — a tribute they richly deserved.

The newspapers were the first, but not the only ones, to ask why Monday's game was called off at such a late stage. Such bungling in high places calls for an explanation, and none has yet been forthcoming. It has been printed in the newspapers that an hour before the postponement was announced, the managers were told that no postponement was possible.

Australia had better look for more competent administrators if it expects further international visits, for Monday night's disgrace has already done a lot of harm. If

### Refs. Angry Over Slight to Mr. Hecht

The Victorian Soccer Association was notified as early as Monday that Mr. Hecht would not be acceptable for the Austrians on Tuesday night, but they made no move to make any alteration until Mr. Hecht was ready to take the field.

So said an official of the referees' association after Tuesday night's game. He said a list of 12 names was presented for selection and Mr. Hecht was chosen by the Australian officials for the position.

"We, the referees, still think he should have been in the middle on Tuesday. Instead he has resigned."

it should happen again, neither the public nor overseas countries considering tours will have any confidence in Australian Soccer.



Box Hill's 'keeper, McArthur, moves out to intercept a pass before the Polonia attackers can get to the ball, in last Saturday's cup tie at Maribyrnong. But he is too late, for a Hill defender already got his head to the ball. Johnson and Schipperheyn are the two attackers.



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Stuart Beaton



### INTERNATIONAL TOURS:

Results of games played up to and including August 8, 1955:

#### South China:

13th July, v. Victoria, 6—1.  
16th July, v. Australian XI, 5—3.  
17th July, v. Victoria, 5—3.  
23rd July, v. N.S.W., 11—1.  
24th July, v. South Coast, 4—4.  
27th July v. Sth. Australia, 11—1.  
29th July, v. Australian XI, 5—3.  
30th July, v. Northern Dist., 3—3.  
6th August, v. Australia — 1st Test—5—0.  
7th August, v. Queensland, 2—3.  
13th August, v. Australia — 2nd Test—1—6.  
Played 11, won 7, drawn 2, lost 2. Goals for 58; against 28.

#### Austria

2nd July, v. N.S.W., 7—1.  
6th July, v. Metropolis, 9—4.  
9th July, v. Australia — 1st Test, 6—2.  
10th July, v. N.S.W., 4—4.  
13th July, v. Northern Districts, 10—1.  
16th July, v. Australia—2nd Test, 5—1.  
23rd July, v. Australia, 3rd Test, 5—3.  
27th July, v. Victoria, 11—0.  
30th July, v. Australia, 4th Test, 4—1.  
31st July, v. Victoria, 3—1.  
3rd August, v. South Australia, 14—2.  
5th August, v. West Australia, 6—1.  
8th August, v. West Australia, 10—0.  
Played 13, won 12, drawn 1, lost 0. Goals for, 94; against, 21.

Scores have not been received for other matches played, and details given are subject to alteration on receipt of official information from the Australian Soccer Football Association.

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## To Our Visitors—Thank-you

Australian Soccer followers, especially those right here in Melbourne, owe a lot to the two visiting teams who played here on Tuesday night.

Not only because they gave us the finest exhibition of the game ever to be seen in Melbourne, or in all Australia for that matter, but because they played the game at all.

Firstly, after the Australian officials' colossal blunder in the late postponement of the game on Monday night, it was only through the good grace of the Austrians that Tuesday night's game took place. The Austrians had to play in Sydney on Wednesday against Australia, and no one would have blamed them if they had cried off on Tuesday night, especially as the game was a hard one, in spite of the big win.

To play two games in two days, when both games are gruelling ones, is a great effort.

But all the thanks do not go to the Austrians. The Chinese played just as big a part in making Tuesday night's game a success.

Irrespective of the merits of the cases brought by the Austrians, the Australian Soccer officials and the Referees' Association about the choice of referee, it was disgusting that such a squabble should have occurred in the dressing rooms just before the game.

While the parties concerned were bickering and the crowd was waiting, the manager of the Chinese team, Mr. Chan, forced everybody's hand by ordering his team on to the field. Once South China was on the field, the Austrians had to follow, and they did.

With both teams out of the way, the matter was quickly settled, and the referees came out. Had Mr. Chan not taken such a thoughtful and decisive step, the argument might still have been on, or the Austrians might have continued with their refusal to take the field.

Then thanks to both teams for showing us how Soccer should be played. That the South China boys were so heavily defeated was regretted by everyone who saw the game. Victoria admires them for their gameness in defeat, and for the gallant way in which they kept at it right to the finish.

To the Austrians, congratulations. We now believe that you are the best club side in the world. To the Chinese, condolences. Although the Austrians were too good for you, you are still too good for us, and we think none the less of you for the beating you took.

To both teams, thank you again, and welcome back. You cannot return too soon, as far as we are concerned.

—EDITOR.

Bill Fleming was given this page last week, and he used it for his favourite pastime, a vitriolic attack on the V.A.S.F.A. Council, says MORRIE BUCKNER, who this week replies on the Council's behalf.

## The Truth About Len Young's Resignation

It's a strange paradox that, although the Victorian Racing Commission treats the Press with contempt by barring it from meetings that involve personalities in the sport, the Press replies by lavishing thousands of inches of editorial and pictorial space on the game. But when the Soccer Council decided to ask the Press to withdraw from its hearing of Len Young's resignation, the Press—the "Argus" particularly—erupted with fire, brimstone, and thinly-veiled threats!

The editor of "Soccer News," in his wisdom, allowed Bill Fleming to tell readers about it in what was called, "an open letter to Soccer Clubs." Why this method was necessary to spread the news is puzzling, because the Council itself consists of representatives of all sections of Soccer, INCLUDING FIVE CLUB DELEGATES.

However, readers will want to know, firstly, why the Press was barred, and secondly, why Len Young submitted his resignation, happily withdrawn later.

Len's letter of resignation, when received, was naturally a bombshell of the atomic variety. It contained no specific details. When approached, he gave the Council's chairman the impression that his dissatisfaction involved individuals, as well as arrangements.

**No Public Name-Calling**  
When informed of this, Councilors felt that the hearing of Len's resignation might become a name-calling carnival, and it was decided that any such spectacle should not be presented to the Press as a subject for one of their typical gloating sessions.

The question was put to the assembled Council, which voted 8 to 6, with some abstainers, for the withdrawal of the Press.

Here I wish to go on record as being an opponent of any attempt to muzzle or frustrate the Press.

Exceptional circumstances do arise, however. The Council is there to promote and guard the interests of Soccer. They must be wary of presenting the enemies of

Soccer, and they are many, with ammunition for Soccer's destruction.

They decided, mistakenly as it turned out, that this case could be explosive ammunition in enemy hands, and decreed that it be heard in camera. That was both their right and their duty as they saw it.

We are all glad that the "explosive ammunition" turned out to be a damp squib.

### Confidence Not Lost

This brings us to Len's proposed resignation itself. Len decided to offer his resignation for one basic reason—he felt that both he and his work had lost the confidence of the Council. He quickly found at the hearing that he, too, was laboring under a wrong impression.

The Council also realised, however, that Len had some justifiable grounds for his mistaken impressions, and will take steps to see that these grounds are eradicated.

This is the basis for Len's dissatisfaction. When a commentator, on an "official" broadcast, or a reporter in a newspaper article, tears Len's work and the products of his work to pieces with snide irony, Len feels that, if the Council disagrees with the criticism, it should show its confidence in Len by giving equal publicity to its disagreement.

Len points out that, if this is not done, he loses standing with the schools' sportsmasters, the boys, the Victorian Colts, the members of the State squad, the student coaches and referees, and the public. To lose standing is to lose

authority. When these are lost, the effectiveness of his work comes to an end.

### Council Has Learned

The Council has taken the point well. It now realises that by unthinkingly failing to rise to Len's defence, its silence could be construed as agreement with the critics—which, of course, is far from the truth.

The Council's explanation was that it felt that Len could have, even should have, taken its confidence in him for granted. Time and again it has demonstrated its faith in his work by backing, with hard cash in large sums, every recommendation he has submitted for their approval.

It is a relief to report that Len withdrew his resignation. It had served its purpose.

Len's work will go on. The Council will see to it that public utterances likely to undermine his rightful standing in Soccer will not in future go unchallenged.

### Bulletin (from page 2)

#### ALTERATION TO FIXTURES:

All clubs are now informed that the fixtures listed for July 16 have been transferred to August 27.

Fixtures listed for July 30 will be played on September 3. Clubs are required to make the necessary arrangements.

#### FIXTURES:

Notice is given that all clubs are required to abide by the fixtures laid down by the fixtures committee, and it has been observed from games scheduled for August 13 that several teams defaulted.

The performances of all teams in regard to observation of rules are considered each year prior to fixtures being drawn, and a timely reminder is therefore given that any club defaulting in its fixtures renders itself liable to demotion or relegation in season 1956.

Where a first or second division senior game is postponed, the reserve teams of these divisions are required to play their fixtures, unless approval is granted by the Association to postpone the reserve matches.



## Kevin Lott replies to Len Young's Critics

# Len is Doing a Good Job

Coming to grips with the subject that has been on the tongues of most of us since the day Rapid beat Victoria, it is most important to ask, "What is Soccer?" and "what is the distinction between modern and ancient Soccer?"

Do our visitors play either, or have they a game of their own?

It could be said that Soccer is a game of football that has been played over a number of years, and it alters only by the moves made by Soccer tacticians.

Mr. Young, who was a student of that football brain, Mr. W. Winterbottom, has been through a course in England that would take most of us here ten years.

### A.B.C. Only

His methods of coaching have been brought about by years of study by leading English Soccer officials, with the idea in mind to combat the threat to British football by overseas countries.

Those who have been through the coaches' course here have only been taught the A.B.C. of Soccer, and the art of teaching that A.B.C. Let it be known that it is not until we are all conversant with this A.B.C. that we can go ahead with a plan that will show us the benefits of Len's teachings.

### Critics Wrong

I have heard it said by a leading official that Len teaches his coaches that a half-back is 60 per cent. defence and 40 per cent. attack. That is not correct. The A.B.C. says "yes," but once we have mastered this A.B.C., we can go ahead and plan attacks that would put a half 90 per cent. on attack.

I once suggested to Len that I alter the positional set-up of my side so that I had three backs, three halves and four forwards. He said that providing I had the men competent to carry out the plan, there should be no objections.

Mr. Barr came down to Sandringham and saw a plan in action—a plan set about to disrupt a first division side. He did not last long.

His comment was that he was disgusted. He did not bother to ask what was going on, or why Brighton were not playing the game that was expected of them.

### Take Stock

It is my belief that as soon as we learn to take stock and give Len Young our whole-hearted support, the sooner we can improve our position in world Soccer.

As it has been written—Let us walk before we run. Then we can run with those that can run.

★ ★

The Aufhausen Soccer club was founded in Germany in 1951. Here is its history: First season lost 18 games; goals for 5, against 180; second season, lost 18 games; goals for 10, against 133; third season, lost 18 games; goals for 26, against 115. They are still improving, though, as this season they drew with the leading team in their division, and notched their first point in four years.

## Goalie Cleared.



McArthur goes up with Strahan (Polonia) and a Box Hill back to clear a high cross in their cup replay last Saturday at Maribyrnong Reserve. Polonia won 3-0.

## Europe Beats U.K. 4-1

The Rest of Europe Soccer team beat the United Kingdom 4-1 in their match at Belfast last Saturday.

The teams were level, 1-1, at half-time.

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## Know Your Councillors

# FRED LANG

Chairman of the League Management Committee

Since the days in Scotland, when as a little runt eight years old, he would ride to the games with his father's Drag Club and carry the flags for the Glasgow Rangers, Fred Lang has been a worker, player and administrator in Soccer. While he doesn't claim to have (since) become a Stanley Matthews, he learned to play as a kid in the Glasgow Churches League. It was about this time that Fred knew the great Alec James, as one of the Glasgow Ashfield Juniors. Having analysed Alec's natural system of play at first-hand, Fred poses a knotty question for British Soccer students:

"Did Arsenal's successful third-back game," he asks, "as played by Herbie Roberts, originate in London, or with Alec James?"

### What of Their Value?

I asked Fred how the stars of those early days compared with today's players.

"Natural individual ball players of all eras are equally delightful to watch," says Fred. "It's easier to compare teams and team methods."

This gave me the opening to ask Fred how the all-star teams he had known compared with, for example, Vienna's Rapid Sportklub.

"They're very, very good," he replied, "but I think the Glasgow team of 1921 would have beaten them. And that reminds me—Mr. Gold boasted that he'd brought out a team worth £100,000. Well, the five forwards of that 1921 team alone were valued at £100,000. And behind these forwards were Meiklejohn, who was later captain of Scotland; Dixon, and the international, Muirhead. What was the value of that fabulous team?"

### Migrated 32 Years Ago

How far Fred would have gone in Scottish Soccer will never be known, because itchy feet brought him to Australia in 1923 to help lay the foundations for the gigantic pile of industry that is Yallourn today. He remained interested in Soccer, however. Apart from kicking a ball around the barren Gippsland paddocks, he was an original

member of the clubs that later became the South Melbourne Soccer Club.

Before settling down in Melbourne, Fred decided to have a look at Sydney. This "look" lasted two years. Even during this period he couldn't keep away from Soccer, and played left-half with Marrickville in the Saturday Industrial League for two seasons.

### Organised Aid to Britain

During the war, and for a few years afterwards, Fred permitted other activities to share the love and time he devoted to Soccer. As secretary of the British Servicemen's Club, he helped to organise the flow of aid from Australia to Britain's bomb victims. He was also instrumental in forming the Good Neighbour Council, on which he was a delegate, and which aimed at easing migrant settlement and assimilation.

In 1948, Fred was secretary of the Metters Soccer Club, and in 1949 was elected a delegate to the league management committee. Spearheading the attack to get league management representation on the Council of the V.A.S.F.A., he soon found himself a Councillor.

### Busy Man

Since then, Fred has been a very busy man. Apart from doing dozens of the odd jobs that fall to Councillors during any season, such as being manager of Victoria's Carnival team at Adelaide, Fred has been chairman of the league management committee for the past six years. He is also chairman of the disciplinary committee, and a member of the Council executive, the selection committee, the coaching committee, and the amateur status committee. That is the penalty for being able and popular — Fred tops Council elections regularly.

Asked about Soccer's future in Victoria, Fred has this to say:

"In recent years, Soccer has had a tremendous filip from the influx and support of British and Continental migrants, and will undoubtedly continue to grow."

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## Latrobe Valley Cup Holders Out In First Round

Yallourn A, holders of the Battle of Britain Cup, were surprisingly defeated by one of this season's new clubs, Morwell Rangers, in the first round at Yallourn.

Moe United's defeat by Sale United, and Red Triangle's draw at Traralgon against Tigers, strengthened previous indications that, apart from Morwell, to forecast results would be as hard as picking the race card. There are now no weak teams in the Valley.

League winners, Morwell, after a four-goal lead, were kept busy to hold Lurgi Rangers, who penetrated the champions' defence more times than any other team this season.

### Results:

Battle of Britain Cup (1st Round): Lurgi Rangers 3 (Van Vliet 2, Turner 1), Morwell 5 (Guy 4, Krytenberg 1).

Yallourn 0, Morwell Rangers 1 (Hall, own goal); Tigers 2, Red

Triangle 2; Moe United 1, Sale United 2.

Under 16 Years: Yallourn 3, Lurgi 1.

### Semi-final Draw for the Cup.

Sale v. Morwell Rangers.  
Morwell v. Tigers or Red Triangle.  
(Played on neutral grounds.)

### PROTEST DISMISSED

The Lurgi Rangers' protest against the decisions of the referee in their game against Red Triangle was dismissed by the disciplinary board. Evidence proved that the referee, Mr. R. Warren, gave decision in accordance with the rules, and that there was no reflection on his ability.

Chairman of the board, Mr. Ron. Fletcher, condescended to attend the Lurgi Club's meeting and explain fully the aspects regarding protests of this nature, which he thought would help the club in future.

## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Dockerty Cup (quarter-finals re-play): Polonia 3 (Pitton), Strahan, Plehan) d. Box Hill 0; Footscray City 2 (Gilmour, McLaren) lost to Wertheim 3.

First Division: Brighton 3 d. Yallourn 1.

Second Division: Vic. Colts 0, Preston 3; South Yarra 3, Prahran 1; Slavia 6, Sunshine City 2; Maccabi 1, South Melbourne 2; Geelong 4, Park Rangers 2.

Third Division: Frankston defaulted to Hellanic; Flinders 5, Sandringham 3; Moorabbin 2, Richmond 1; Sunshine United w.o. Dandenong.

Metropolitan North: University 6, L.C.I. 1; Bayswater 7, Fairfield 1.

Metropolitan South: Rosebud 3, Br. Wick 3; Yarra Park 2, St. Albans 0.

Invitation First: George Cross 4, Box Hill 3; Footscray City 1, Hakoah 2; Yallourn 0, Brighton 3.

Invitation Second: Preston 2, Yarra 2; Sunshine City 2, Slavia Wertheim 4; Prahran 8, South 4; South Melbourne 3, Maccabi 0; Park Rangers 1, Geelong 3.

Invitation Third: Heidelberg 0, Wertheim 1; Williamstown 6, Sunshine United 4; Coburg 6, Moorabbin 0; Sandringham w.o. Box Hill.

### LATROBE VALLEY

Battle of Britain Cup (first round): Morwell 5, Lurgi Rangers 3; Morwell Rangers 1, Yallourn 0; Sale United 3, Moe United 1; Traralgon Tigers 2, Red Triangle 2.

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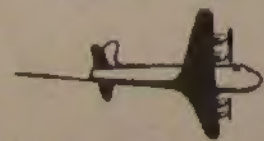
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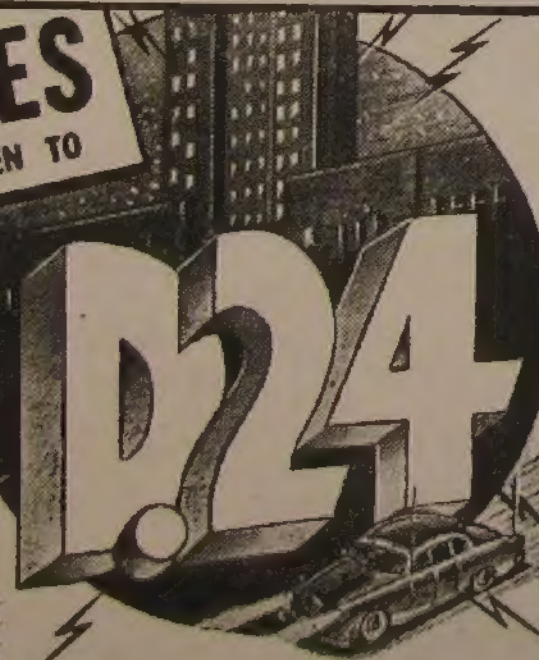
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## Now Jack Replies To Alex Barr

Dear Sir,

The controversy between Alex Barr and myself concerning the system of coaching by Len Young has already taken up a lot of space, and should now be shelved or left to other people, whose views will be of greater interest to your readers.

However, certain statements made by Alex will cause great embarrassment, if not denied, so I desire to make clear the following points:—

- I am happy to leave to the future whether Len Young is correct in his coaching methods. As Alex and I both agree, Len has the qualifications.
- I deny emphatically that any of Alex Barr's published statements have had the slightest influence regarding Brighton team selections. On the contrary, his writings, and more particularly his presence at our games, and one training night, have been an embarrassment. Furthermore, I consider it egotistical for a newspaper writer to suggest his writings have influenced team selectors.

### Refs. Visit Box Hill

In response to an offer made by the referee association some weeks ago to visit clubs and give talks on the rules of the game, Box Hill invited a party of the men with whistles out to a club night last week.

There were 30-odd club men present to fire questions at a panel of refs, and at the end of the evening both sides considered it had been well worth while.

The referees are looking forward to similar requests from other clubs in the remaining weeks of this season.

• Alex did drive me to the station. I have done the same thing for many people, and have accepted their thanks, as I gave to Alex. I refute that this incorporates friendship. It is useless to get away from facts, Alex, and for either of us to claim to be friends is nothing short of hypocritical. Our personalities are too wide apart. However, we can compromise to this extent. Let no one have enemies in Soccer. Let us be friends with those we wish, but also give us the prerogative to have merely associates.

—JACK WILSON.

## What's Happening on the Air

Sir,

It is with anxiety that I write and ask, "What is happening on the Saturday evening broadcast?"

If, by chance, it is supposed to give the general public and Soccer followers news and information about Soccer, then I must be listening to the wrong station.

Many of the juniors ask, When does Mr. Olsen say a few words on the air, apart from "Hello, folks—good-bye."?

Let's have a radio session that can be fully understood, and also give the junior section a few more minutes than it has been getting.

AL. ISTENERIN.  
(Name supplied.)

## 'Bolt' System Unmasked

Dear Sir,—

I read with amusement the article taken from the F.A. Annual, in which the Austrian "Bolt" system of play was "explained."

My amusement lay in the fact that, with typical English dullness of mind, the F.A. failed to recognise this "wonderful brand of football" as the game that was played in pre-war Scotland—the game of square and triangle passing, getting smaller each movement, until one defender moved out of position, leaving the desired open space for the vital attack.

The English had an excellent opportunity of adopting this style also, but for some unknown reason dispensed with the services of chief coach Jimmy Hogan, a Scot, and appointed Walter Winterbottom in his place.

That move proved to be a great mistake, especially when one remembers that Jimmy Hogan coached the Hungarians in typical Scottish style.

The Hungarians' neighbours, the Austrians, copied this style, but

they are not, as maintained by the F.A., an almost unassailable barrier to British teams (meaning English). In June of this year, Scotland defeated Austria 4—1 in Vienna, and the only "bolt" system the Scottish players experienced was provided by the spectators, who bolted on to the field at Scotland's opening goal, and attacked the scorer of the goal, and by centre-forward, Brousek, who feigned injury and bolted off the field to allow Dienst to take his place.

So much for the Austrian "Bolt" system.

DUNCAN McDOUGALL

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### L'INCERTO TROFEO

Impossibili a prevedersi rimangono ancora le sorti della Dockerty Cup. Dopo le eliminatorie del sabato scorso son rimaste in campo Juventus, Polonia, Hakoah e Wilhelmina. Quest'ultima squadra di terza divisione, che per la prima volta nella storia del calcio in Australia entra nelle semifinali della Dockerty Cup, ha prodotto una delle più inattese sorprese di questa stagione quando eliminò Footscray City con una difficile e gloriosa vittoria di 3 a 2. Nessuno penserebbe comunque che Wilhelmina o Hakoah possano costituire motivo di serie preoccupazioni per la Juventus, resta però il fatto incontestabile che gli Olandesi han dimostrato qualità di giuoco superiori ad alcune squadre di prima e seconda divisione e che quindi non vanno trattati con incauta leggerezza. Polonia dal suo canto resta l'unica degna sfida della

Juventus. Ma il sabato scorso i Polacchi a Maribyrnong non han convinto nessuno quando hanno atterrato Box Hill a 3-0, perché quest'ultima non ha fatto altro praticamente che condurre un giuoco dal principio alla fine inaccurato, incontrollato, privo di energia. Tutti son certi però che Polonia ha in serbo il meglio che possa dare per l'incontro con la Juventus.

### LAIDLAW CUP

Nell'incontro di eliminazione per la Laidlaw Cup la domenica scorsa al Toorak Park la squadra italiana ha dato una brillante esibizione che può essere considerata una delle migliori di quest'anno. England è stata tenuta sotto costante controllo del giuoco italiano, facen-

dosi violare la rete con l'unico goal della partita e sforzandosi inutilmente tutto il tempo di segnare contro i nostri.

### IL TRIONFO DELLA I.A.M.A.-GEELONG

Alla presenza del Console Generale d'Italia in Melbourne e di un numeroso stuolo di spettatori la squadra di seconda divisione I.A.M.A. has inflitto una seria sconfitta alla Park Rangers infliggendo ben quattro goals nella rete avversaria ed incassandone soltanto due. La squadra italiana di Geelong ha segnato una netta e meravigliosa ripresa grazie all'introduzione di freschi e ben preparati elementi e agli sforzi costanti del nuovo Comitato.

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## Clubs to Blame for Maladministration

says Ted Low

During the past two years, the administration of Soccer has been flayed publicly by followers of the game, and through the medium of the press.

Some of the criticism has been justified, but quite a deal unnecessary.

Why unnecessary? It is not hard to find an answer. After all, the clubs are the masters of the situation, and they, to my way of thinking, are the guilty ones for the position that is purported to exist in respect to improper administration.

### Failing in Duty

I contend that the clubs are failing in their duty, in as much as they do not pay enough attention to the capabilities of the people they nominate to represent them on this all-important administration, known as the Victorian Soccer Council.

It is not good enough to foster a nominee simply because he is a good club man or a financial asset to the game.

In addition to possessing either of the latter, he should be a man of integrity, energetic, and possessing a fair measure of experience in administration.

### Always Dunderheads

No matter what walk of life you may follow, in business or sport, you will always find what are commonly known as dunderheads, men who seek the limelight but who cannot or will not face up to the responsibilities bestowed upon them.

In business, we have the answer to this type of person—get rid of them.

This should apply to the administration of Soccer, or of any sport,

This is the Soccer world listing of Billy Wright, captain of England's Wolverhampton Wanderers: 1 Hungary, 2 Uruguay, 3 Germany, 4 Italy, 5 Brazil, 6 Argentina, 7 Austria. Not everyone agreed with him; they said, "What about England?" to which he replied, "Oh, we are superstrong."

Apparently England rates somewhere off the top of his list.

for that matter. If the chairman finds any member incapable of fulfilling his obligations, he should have the power to dispense with his services at once, and not be forced to put up with him for another twelve months, in the hope that the club responsible for his nomination will see the light, in time to prevent his re-election.

### Take These Steps

I suggest that the clubs, before nominating a man to the Council—

- investigate the candidate's capabilities as an administrator.
- Insist that he be a man of integrity, energy and reliability.
- Make sure he knows the game.

If clubs make these inquiries before nominating, they will do a service not only to themselves, but to Soccer as a whole.

## No More Soccer—Too Dear

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So another Soccer follower is relegated to the dust-heap. But I wish only clean and keen Soccer, and bountiful seasons in the future.

—JERRIBONG.  
(Name supplied.)

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The Argentine F.A. has reduced the wages of professional footballers by 30 per cent., and forbidden any club to have more than 22 paid players on its books. This step was taken because many clubs there were badly in need of money and on the verge of bankruptcy.

## JUNIORS SUPPORT LEN

The Junior Association was very sorry to read about the criticism levelled at the coach, Mr. Len. Young. We don't intend buying into the argument, but we do regret that person's actions.

We of the Junior Association believe in, and have had practical proof of Mr. Young's ability. Since his arrival, junior Soccer, especially amongst schoolboys, has improved beyond all sight, and his work among juniors must have a real effect on Soccer in years to come.

You can't get results immediately from any coaching scheme, and perhaps if the critic and the gentleman who followed him had given a thought to that they would not have made the remarks.

Any of them are welcome to help the juniors if they have a better scheme than the coach. Not one of you is known for your work in the junior body.

On August 27 there will be no under-17 or -20 games, owing to the South Australian team's visit here.

In the under-14 we are waiting for the results of this week's matches to clear up the "four."

In the under-15 it is hoped to be able to play the major premiership game, but we are still waiting to see if the first cup round this week produces any draws, so we can obtain a neutral ground.

On September 3 the semi-finals of the various cups are to be played, and all clubs will get notification of where and when to play.

All clubs note that the October meeting is the time for changing any major rule in the league, the main notice on the books is that the grades next year be under-12, -14, 16-18. All clubs are requested to give careful thought to this matter and be present when that vote is put.

The next delegates' meeting is on Wednesday, August 24, at Scotts Hotel, at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

—DENIS CHAMBERS.



# HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP (To Date)

1st ROUND	2nd ROUND	3rd ROUND	SEMI-FINALS
George Cross—Bye	George Cross—2		
Geelong—L.M.	Williamstown—3	Williamstown—0	
Williamstown—W.O.			
J.U.S.T.—1	Slavia—0		Prahran
Slavia—2		Prahran—4	
Prahran—6	Prahran—2		
Park Rangers—1			
Sunshine City—Bye	Sunshine City—5 (extra time)	Sunshine City—1	
Sunshine United—2	Yallourn—3		
Yallourn—6			Brighton
Brighton—Bye	Brighton—3		
Hellenic—1	Hellenic—2	Brighton—4	
Moreland—0			
Sandringham City—7	Sandringham City—0		
Moorabbin City—1			
Coburg—W.O.	Coburg—3	Coburg—2	
Wilhelmina—L.M.			
Heidelberg—0	South Yarra—W.O.	Coburg	
South Yarra—4			
Maccabi—Bye	Maccabi—L.M.	South Yarra—1	
Polonia—3	Polonia—1		
Hakoah—1		Juventus—3	
Footscray City—1	Juventus—3		
Juventus—2			Juventus
Preston—0	South Melbourne—3 (extra time)		
South Melbourne—2		Box Hill—0	
Box Hill—Bye	Box Hill—4		



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In Wolverhampton, England, there is a row of houses called Cup Final Villas. They were built to commemorate Wolverhampton Wanderers winning the Cup final in 1893. In each house there is a stone tablet bearing the name of one of the players of that famous team.

One French team has made it a rule that the referee shall enter and leave the ground surrounded by players of both teams. This was done to prevent spectators throwing bottles at him. The club also banned the sale of bottled beverages at the ground.

# TIT-BITS from Spotter



One third division side here in Victoria has decided to change its colors to that of Aston Villa, the English club.

Stanley Matthews once received 6d. for scoring eight goals in one match. This was when he was 11. Was he the youngest ever professional Soccer player?

His father was known as the "Fighting Barber from Hanley." He had 350 fights, including some thrilling bouts at the National Sports Club in Covent Garden, London.

Little Johnny Hancocks, England and Wolverhampton Wanderers' outside-right, who has put in some of the hardest pile-driving shots in contemporary Soccer, wears size four boots.

Jimmy Delaney, former Scottish international forward, won Cup-final medals in three countries. He played for Glasgow Celtic when they won the Scottish Cup in 1937. He was in the Manchester United's team which won the F.A. Cup in 1948, and in the Irish Cup final for Derry City in 1954.

When English international forward, Charles Buchan, was transferred from Sunderland to the Arsenal in the mid-20's, his transfer contract laid down that, in addition to the transfer fee, Sunderland should be paid £100 for every goal Buchan scored to the end of the season. Buchan had scored 200 goals for Sunderland.

In a Scottish league match, the Aberdeen goalkeeper had so little to do that he borrowed a spectator's umbrella when it started to rain.

In recent years Stanley Matthews, England's wizard winger, has been taking a cold shower BEFORE the game. He says that it makes the blood circulate to his muscles, thus reducing the risk of strains and pulls by sudden bursts of speed.

Bert Turner, a Charlton player, has the doubtful distinction of having scored for both sides during a Cup final. He turned the ball past his own goal-keeper, and a few minutes later he scored from a free kick 30 yards out. This was the only score in the match to the end of the game. But Derby County won during extra time, although they had to burst the ball to do it.

## Scottish Soccer Season Opens

The Scottish Soccer season started last Saturday with heavy scoring in many of the 18 League Cup matches. Only one game failed to provide the crowd with the excitement of a goal — the clash between Kilmarnock and St. Mirren.

Hearts, the present holders of the trophy, made a good start with a 2-8 win over Partick Thistle in Glasgow.

### SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Airdrieonians 4; Dundee 0; Albion Athletic 3; Arbroath 3; Brechin City 2; Third Lanark 1; Celtic 4; Queen of the South 2; Dumbarton 1; Berwick Rangers 0; Dundee United 1; Albion Rovers 2; Dundermine Athletic 4; Clyde 2; Falkirk 0; Rangers 3; Forfar Athletic 1; Motherwell 0; Hamilton Academicals 0; Cowdenbeath 1; Hibernian 0; Aberdeen 1; Kilmarnock 0; St. Mirren 0; Morton 2; Stenhousemuir 1; Partick Thistle 0; Hearts 2; Queen's Park 1; Stirling Albion 0; Raith Rovers 2; East Fife 1; Stranraer 3; Montrose 2; St. Johnstone 3; Ayr United 1.

The Queen's Park, Glasgow, Soccer Club was formed in 1867. But it was not until 1875, seven and a half years later, that the first goal was recorded against them.

I am told that nowhere in the rules of Soccer does the word "whistle" occur. Apparently, all that is required of a referee is that he "signals" to the players that an infringement has taken place, and that play should stop. The whistle came into being when one referee tried it after not making himself heard.

Although it is general practice in modern Soccer, it is still not compulsory to have a whistle.

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## FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	14	11	1	2	38	12	23
POLONIA	14	10	3	1	30	20	23
BRIGHTON	15	9	2	4	37	27	20
HAKOAH	14	6	2	6	40	29	14
MORELAND	14	8	2	6	22	21	14
BOX HILL	14	6	1	7	18	36	13
J.U.S.T.	14	5	2	7	31	31	12
FOOTSCRAY CITY	14	3	3	8	17	34	9
GEORGE CROSS	14	3	2	9	25	41	8
YALLOURN	15	2	2	11	21	37	6

## SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	15	12	0	3	26	25	30
Prabran	15	11	1	3	33	27	23
St. Alb. U.	15	8	1	6	53	38	17
Vic. Colts	15	7	1	7	37	43	15
Sunshine C.	15	6	2	7	23	39	14
Maccabi	15	5	3	7	36	48	13
Preston	15	5	1	9	29	45	11
Geelong	15	4	2	9	22	34	10
South Yarra	15	3	3	9	27	38	9
Park Rangers	15	3	2	10	42	50	8

## THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	14	14	0	0	23	10	24
Hellenic	15	13	1	1	13	15	27
Sandringham C.	15	8	2	5	44	27	19
Sunshine Utd.	15	8	1	6	41	25	17
Dandenong Rov.	15	8	1	6	44	46	17
Richmond	15	6	1	8	38	37	13
Williamstown	14	5	2	7	31	37	12
Moorabbin C.	15	3	0	12	24	79	6
Frankston	15	2	1	12	15	54	5
P.N.D.	15	2	1	13	28	45	4

## FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	14	12	0	2	50	9	24
Brighton	15	9	2	4	45	22	20
Polonia	14	8	3	3	41	31	19
Hakoah	14	6	4	4	27	22	16
Footscray City	15	7	2	6	39	33	16
Moreland	14	5	3	7	27	44	12
Box Hill	15	4	2	9	37	35	10
George Cross	15	4	1	10	17	44	9
J.U.S.T.	14	3	2	9	26	32	8
Yallourn	14	2	4	8	14	34	6

## SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	15	11	2	2	51	17	24
South Melb.	15	10	1	4	58	31	21
Slavia	15	9	1	5	48	26	19
South Yarra	15	9	0	6	41	41	18
Geelong	15	8	0	7	30	22	18
Wilhelmina	15	8	0	7	31	31	18
Prabran	15	7	1	7	45	53	15
Preston	15	5	6	10	23	41	10
Maccabi	15	4	0	11	20	44	8
Park Rangers	15	2	1	12	25	65	6

## METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	14	11	1	1	45	13	23
University	14	9	1	4	37	24	19
Coburg	12	7	4	1	44	14	18
Fairfield	12	7	1	4	27	14	15
Baywater	13	6	0	7	49	37	12
U.Y.D.	12	6	0	6	19	31	12
Heidelberg	12	2	1	9	18	65	5
I.C.I.	10	1	2	10	19	55	4

## METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	8	0	2	39	15	16
Brunswick	9	8	0	1	39	17	16
Yarra Park	11	7	1	3	22	19	15
Port Melb.	10	5	0	5	22	18	10
St. Albans	11	5	0	6	19	24	10
Roxbud	11	4	1	6	24	45	9

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	14	12	2	0	71	9	26
Moe Utd.	14	10	2	1	46	9	23
Pigara	14	6	1	7	38	30	17
Yallourn A.	15	6	2	7	38	44	14
Sale Utd.	14	4	3	7	24	42	11
Lurgi Rap.	14	4	1	9	23	41	9
Morwell Ran.	14	2	2	10	19	37	8
Red Triangle	14	2	2	10	18	65	6

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